### Sunday, November 27, 2022 Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston

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# Celebrant: The Pastor SUNDAY BULLETIN



Holy Communion will be distributed using enhanced safety practices.

Approach the altar, make sign of the cross, present the back of your hand, Holy Communion will be placed on the back of your hand, consume at the altar.

### **Readings of the Day:**

Is. 36:1-9. 1 Thes. 1:1-10. Lk. 12:13-31.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, chapter 12, vs. 12-31 and will be read by Robert Dulgarian.

### From Today's Bible Reading

Luke 12:13-31 Jesus tells the parable of a rich fool who plans to build a bigger place to store his surplus grain so he might "eat, drink, and be merry" (v.19) only to die that very night; how much wiser to be "rich toward God" rather than for ourselves! Jesus continues to reorder our priorities: do not be anxious, He advises, about anything (12:22-31) - better to seek God's Kingdom from which all things will flow in abundance as it does for the birds and the flowers of the field. *Reflection: Jesus could not be clearer: "A man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."* (12:16) What do you need or like to have around you in great number? How can you come out from under this burden to live the trusting, care-free life to which our Lord invites you?

**1 Thessalonians 1:1-10** In this first chapter of his letter, St. Paul overflows with praise and thanksgiving for a beloved community. Their exemplary faith, even in suffering, had inspired countless others across the region. *Reflection: Read verse 3 aloud. Prayerfully turn the questions around: "Does my faith produce work, does love prompt labor, does hope inspire better endurance?"* 

**Isaiah 36:1-9** The king of Assyria has invaded Judah and from captured Lachish sends a commander to demand Jerusalem's surrender (an Assyrian wall relief depicting this capture has been excavated at the site). He questions King Hezekiah's reliance on God. *Reflection: In v.4, the Assyrian enemy mocks King Hezekiah's faith: in the face of enemy assault, on what could he possibly base his confidence? What forces assail your faith today? How do you respond?* 

### **Today is the First Sunday of Advent**

Unlike the four-week Advent of the Western Church, the season preceding Christmas in the Armenian Church is fifty days, called Heesnag (from the word for fifty, heesoon). As a period of spiritual preparation, Heesnag contains a total of three designated weeks of fasting (aside from the usual Wednesday and Friday fasts). So, unlike Great Lent, it is not a continuous period of this discipline. Bottom line: Our Advent or Heesnag is a beautiful time to prepare, body and soul, for the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Prayerful activity: Every day, spend five minutes reading some part of the Christmas story: Luke 1:26-56; Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 1:18-25; Matthew 2. Read only a few verses at a time and savor them. Keep reading and repeating in preparation for Christmas

### November 27, 2022 Hokehankisd

We have all been asked to pray during the Divine Liturgy for the souls of:

- Margaret C. Atamian, 40th Day: Requested by Leon Atamian and Family for wife, mother, grandmother, aunt and great-aunt.
- Silva Rehm, 40th Day: Requested by Kevork & Jacqueline Atinizian and Family for cousin.
- George Demirjian, 2nd Anniversary: Requested by Angele Demirjian, Harout Demirjian, Jano & Carrie Demirjian and Lucille, Mary Jane & John Haytayan and John Jr. and Andre for husband, father and grandfather.
- George, Takoohi, Vahan, Sooren & Mary Daniels: From the Trust Fund established by Sooren & Mary Daniels.
- Deceased Members of the Holy Trinity Women's Guild: From the Trust Fund established by the Holy Trinity Women's Guild.
- Garabed, Lousintak, Aram H., & Araxie Tashjian: From the Trust Fund established by Aram and Araxie Tashjian.
- John, Aghavni, Elizabeth, Isabel & Henry Toomajian: From the Trust Fund established by Elizabeth and Isabel Toomajian.
- Karekin & Nectar Der Ohannesian and Azad Strazulla: From the Trust Fund established by Ara & Ana Yacobian for parents & sister.
- Harry & Ovsanna D. Hagopian, Mary Hagopian Albertassi, Aram D. Hagopian, Harry (Hagop) D. Hagopian, and Armine D. Hagopian: From the Family Trust Fund established by Armine D. Hagopian.
- Miran & Marie Kavookjian and Haroutune & Sina Dinjian Kavookjian: From the Trust Fund established by Marie Kavookjian.
- Rose Mckertich: From her Trust Fund.

Today's Altar flowers are donated for the glory of God from the Trust Fund established by Elizabeth and Isabel Toomajian in memory of John, Aghavni, Elizabeth, Isabel and Henry Toomajian.

### **Prayer Requests**

Your prayers are requested to have mercy on our countrymen in Artsakh, to strengthen them in defense of their homeland, and to grant consolation to the suffering and grieving.

Your prayers are also requested for The Very Rev. Fr. Mesrop Parsamyan, Primate, John Armen Demirjian, Richard Diranian, Ara Hollisian and Nishan Tikijian; and for the good health of all those who suffer from illness in their own private way; and for those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

\*Der Vasken offers a weekly Hokehankisd Service.\*

\*Please note that if you would like Der Vasken to offer your prayer request during his silent prayers at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, please fill out the Prayer Request cards that are located on the table in the Narthex (the Church Sanctuary lobby).\*

Please contact the church office with any questions.

\*Requests submitted after 11 am on Thursday will not be printed in the Sunday Bulletin but will be read from the altar by Der Vasken. Please alert a Parish Council member on Sunday if you requested a Hokehankisd after 11 am on Thursday to ensure Der Vasken has the name of your loved one.\*

### **Fellowship Hour**

You are all welcome to join us following Church Services for Fellowship Hour hosted by the ACYOA in Johnson Hall.

### **Congratulations**

\*Congratulations to Anna Hasmig Chaglassian, the daughter of Sandra Afeyan Chaglassian & Alain Chaglassian, who will be baptized today in our Church. We welcome Anna into our Christian family of the Holy Trinity Church and pray that Almighty God may keep her under His loving care.\*





Friday, December 2

12pm-9pm

Saturday, December 3

10am-7pm

### **Delicious Armenian Food**

Lamb Shish, Losh, Chicken Kebab, Khyema, Fasoulia, Kids Meals Dine-In and Meals To Go

### Gourmet Armenian Delicacies & Pastries

Choreg, Paklava, Bourma, Khadaiyf, Simit, Apricot Squares, Rojik, Manti, Boreg, Tourshi, Vospov Kheyma, Soujouk, Sini & Porov Kufta, and much much more!

### **Booths & Vendors**

Pastry Booth, Gourmet Booth, Armenian Wine, Farmer's Produce Market, Country Store, Poinsettias and Wreaths, Armenian Vendor, ACYOA Punch is Right, Kid's Penny Candy Children's activities to take place on Saturday

## **Super Raffle**

1st Prize \$2,500 2nd Prize \$1,000 3rd Prize \$500 4th Prize \$500 5th Prize \$500 6th Prize \$500

7th Prize \$500

### Raffle

Amazon Gift Cards
denominations of
\$1,000, \$500 and \$300.
One for \$5, 6 for \$25, 12 for \$50.

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### Deadline for Bazaar Sponsorships is November 30th at noon!

### Call the Church Office at 617.354.0632 Your Support is Appreciated!

# Holy Trinity's 2022 Christmas Bazaar

# **Sponsorship Opportunities**

Please help support our annual Trinity Christmas:

Bazaar by becoming a sponsor

Bazaar Meals - \$1,000 Goal \$12,000

The Gourmet Booth - \$1,000

Country Store - \$1,000

Goal \$3,000

Raffles - \$500 Goal \$8,000

Pastry Booth - \$500 Goal \$7,000

Wreaths and Poinsettias - \$500 Goal \$2,000

Beverages - \$500
Goal \$1,500

The 2022 Bazaar will take place on the weekend of December 2nd

General donations are also welcome with much appreciation Thank you for helping to make this year's bazaar a success!

Please make checks payable to Holy Trinity Armenian Church To pay by credit card please call the church office at 617-354-0632 2 2

HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY SCHOOL

# CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY DRIVE

November 20 - December 11, 2022

## THE GIVING TREE

TO BENEFIT THE FAMILIES OF **SOLUTIONS AT WORK\***www.solutionsatwork.org

### **HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

- 1. **CHOOSE** a gift tag from *The Giving Tree* in Peter Adamian Hall
- 2. **PURCHASE** a gift card in the amount of \$25 (Please choose a store appropriate for a 14-16 year old boy or girl)
- 3. BRING IN the UNWRAPPED gift card AND tag and place it under The Giving Tree by Sunday, December 11

Those who prefer to make a donation towards the purchase of gift cards can submit donations to the Sunday School Superintendent or Church office, payable to "Holy Trinity Armenian Church".

Please reference "Sunday School Giving Tree" in the memo

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the families of Cambridge this Christmas season

\*Solutions at Work, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty and homelessness by providing individuals and families with resources and opportunities to strengthen their self-confidence, achieve self-sufficiency, and participate in helping others.

"Remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'." Acts 20:35



#### TMU Dinner Meeting - All welcome

### WINE TASTING

WITH SPECIAL GUEST

GERRY FINNEGAN
OF THE WASHINGTON STREET TAVERN
IN BROOKLINE

Monday, December 12 in Johnson Hall

> Mezze- 6:30pm Dinner- 7pm

Please RSVP by December 8 by calling the church office at 617-354-0632 or emailing office@htaac.org

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Holy Trinity Armenian Apostolic \* Church of Greater Boston

Erevan Choral Society and Orchestra

Cambridge MA

# Christmas Floliday Concert

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2022, 7:00 P.M.

Remembering Fr. Oshagan Minassian on what would have been his 90th birthday Erevan Choral Society Founder and Music Director [1965-2008]

Composer Konstantin Petrossian

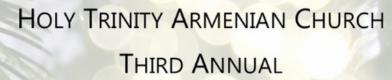
Music Director and Conducto

Featuring soloist

Rosy Anoush Svazlian - soprano Giovanni Formisano - tenor

The public is warmly invited to attend
this complimentary concert

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!





# NATIVITY PAGEANT &

## PARISH TREE LIGHTING

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2022

PAGEANT WILL BE HELD INDOORS IN THE SANCTUARY

PAGEANT PRESENTATION - 11:40 AM

TREE LIGHTING - FOLLOWING PAGEANT PRESENTATION



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS COMMUNITY CELEBRATION TO USHER IN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON!

TREE DONATED BY RICHARD AND KAREN DIRANIAN

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# Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Saturday, December 24, 2022

Join us in the Sanctuary Musical prelude- 4:30pm Service- 5:00pm to 5:45pm



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### **OUTREACH**

For the past two months, members of the Nominating Committee, Suzanne Ekchian, Ani Grubb, Heather Surabian, and myself, have been working on creating the ballot which will be presented at the Annual Assembly in February. We are grateful for those of you who have agreed to be candidates for Nominating Committee and Parish Council. And, we apologize to those of you who may be interested in the above positions and were not contacted...as much as we are involved with Holy Trinity, we, unfortunately, are unacquainted with many fellow members.

At this point in time, we are in the final stages of completing the above mentioned ballot, especially as it pertains to candidates for Parish Council. If you are interested in sharing your time and talents as a member of this entity, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee.

Yes, being a member of Parish Council is a commitment and responsibility. Yet, it has been my experience, in interacting with parishoners who have been, or are currently serving on PC, that the satisfaction and comradarie are much greater. As a matter of fact, those members who are incumbents, when asked if they are interested in serving for another two year term, have, most often, responded with an enthusiastic, "Of course!" Doesn't that seem to say it all?

Thank you very much for your consideration!

Sincerely, Ann M. Danielson, Chair November 20, 2022

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

#### **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY:**

The Armenian American Medical Association (AAMA) is seeking applicants for its 2022- 2023 academic year scholarships.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Of Armenian descent
- Accepted to/enrolling in a medicine, nursing or graduate program at a New England
- college/university
- Degree programs include: MD, DO, PhD, PA, NP, CRNA, RN, Dental, Podiatry, etc.
- For more information and application, scan QR code or visit: www.aamaboston.org
- DEADLINE: December 9, 2022

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Morning Service - 9:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy - 10 a.m. Services conclude - 12 Noon

We urge our faithful to attend Church Services on time.

# **HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR**

Fri-Sat, Nov 25-26 ACYOA Juniors OVERNIGHT Fall Lock-In;

5pm on Friday-10am on Saturday,

Open to all registered Holy Trinity ACYOA Juniors

**TODAY** ACYOA Juniors Christmas Ball Committee Meeting;

Youth Room, 12:15pm -1:00 pm

Fri- Sat, Dec 2-3 2022 Holy Trinity's Annual Christmas Bazaar;

Friday, December 2, 12pm- 9pm Saturday, December 3, 10am- 7pm

Wed, Dec 7 First Wednesdays, "We Seek Forgiveness, But Do We Offer

It To Others?"; Johnson Hall, 6:45pm-7:45pm

Sun, Dec 11 Christmas Holiday Concert;

Holy Trinity Armenian Church, 7pm

Mon, Dec 12 TMU Dinner Meeting- ALL WELCOME; Wine Tasting with

Special Guest, Gerry Finnegan from The Washington Street

Tavern. Johnson Hall, 7pm

Sat, Dec 17 Christmas Ball for all area ACYOA Juniors

Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 7:30pm- 10:30pm

Sun, Dec 18 Christmas Pageant Presentation; Holy Trinity Armenian Church

Christmas Tree Lighting; Hollisian Plaza, after Church Services

Pre- Christmas Sarma Supper,

Underwritten by Gregory A. Kolligian, Jr. & Crystal Mazza,

Catered by Kevork Boyajian of The Agoomp;

Johnson Hall, 12:30pm

Mini Bazaar; Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall

Sat, Dec 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service; Holy Trinity Armenian

Church, Musical Prelude, 4:30pm- Service, 5:00pm- 5:45pm

(Prayers and Christmas Carols in English)